

Washington Total Fruit Acreage, January 1, 1993

The total acreage of tree fruit on January 1, 1993, in Washington was 225,150 acres. There were an additional 37,400 acres of grapes, of which 32,700 acres were bearing age. Apples accounted for the majority of the acreage with 172,000 total acres. Red Delicious apples accounted for 110,000 acres or 64 percent of the total apple acreage.

The total tree fruit by districts shows some shifts. The Wenatchee district with 74,250 total acres showed a decline of 2,550 acres (3 percent) from 1986. Apples were the fruit losing acreage, with sweet cherries and pears increasing in the Wenatchee area. Most fruit increased in the Yakima Valley, except pears, prunes, and plums. All fruit acreage in

the Columbia Basin either increased or held the same level. All fruit in the other districts, except pears, showed increases.

The inventory of trees showed a different trend, with most fruit showing an increase even with decreasing acreage. The inventory of apple trees on January 1, 1993, totaled 45.0 million compared with 30.6 million trees on January 1, 1986. This dramatic increase of 47 percent is attributable to the higher density plantings since the previous survey. The 1986 inventory of apples averaged 190 trees per acre. Plantings during 1986-1992 totaled 40,550 acres and 16.9 million trees for 418 trees per acre, to raise the apple average density to 262 trees per acre.

Total Fruit Acreage, by District, Washington, January 1, 1993

Area	Apples	Apricots	Sweet Cherries	Tart Cherries	Nectarines	Peaches	Pears	Prunes/Plums	Total Tree Fruit	Grapes
Acres										
Wenatchee	56,000	400	4,800	0	250	300	12,450	50	74,250	0
Yakima Valley	78,000	600	8,700	300	850	1,900	12,000	1,400	103,750	29,300
Columbia Basin	31,000	350	2,300	1,100	350	400	1,300	200	37,000	4,100
All Other Areas	7,000	50	700	50	50	400	1,850	50	10,150	4,000
State Total	172,000	1,400	16,500	1,450	1,500	3,000	27,600	1,700	225,150	37,400
1,000 Trees										1,000 Vines
Wenatchee	12,500	75	675	0	65	60	2,235	20	15,630	0
Yakima Valley	18,200	115	1,040	40	205	440	2,455	285	22,780	19,195
Columbia Basin	11,300	60	305	205	95	115	305	80	12,465	2,985
All Other Areas	3,000	10	105	10	10	45	415	10	3,605	2,790
State Total	45,000	260	2,125	255	375	660	5,410	395	54,480	24,970
Trees per Acre										Vines per Acre
Wenatchee	223	188	141	-	260	200	180	400	211	-
Yakima Valley	233	192	120	133	241	232	205	204	220	655
Columbia Basin	365	171	133	186	271	288	235	400	337	728
All Other Areas	429	200	150	200	200	113	224	200	355	698
State Total	262	186	129	176	250	220	196	232	242	668